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SUBJECT: ARGENTINE REQUEST FOR AUSTRALIAN NAVAL TRAINING

SECDEF PASS OSD/IDA AND USCINCSO QUARRY HEIGHTS

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1. AUSTRALIAN EMBOFF (COLIN WILLIS) HAS TOLD US THAT ARGENTINES HAVE FOR SEVERAL YEARS SOUGHT CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH AUSTRALIAN NAVY. SOME EXCHANGES HAVE TAKEN PLACE: IN JULY 1972 SIX NAVY PILOTS VISITED AUSTRALIA TO OBSERVE SKY HAWK AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS ON AUSTRALIAN AIRCRAFT CARRIER H..A.S. MELBOURNE. IN DECEMBER OF 1973 AN ARGENTINE HERCULES MADE POLAR FLIGHT TO AUSTRALIA AND IN 1974 THERE WAS VISIT OF ARGENTINE NAVAL CADETS. IN AUGUST 1976--AFTER REPEATED ARGENTINE REQUESTS--YET ANOTHER MILITARY GROUP WENT TO OBSERVE FLIGHT OPERATIONS OFF H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE.

2. AUSTRALIAN EMBOFF RELATES THESE ARGENTINE INITIATIVES TO GENERALLY EXPRESSED DESIRE OF "UNITING IN THE DEFENSE OF THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE." AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT DESCRIBED BY ITS EMBASSY HERE AS NOT WANTING TO QUASH THESE INITIATIVES, BUT
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ON OTHER HAND HAVING MANY THINGS OF HIGHER PRIORITY TO CONSIDER.

3. ALTHOUGH IT APPEARS GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA DECISION TO SEEK AUSTRALIAN HELP DOES NOT, REPEAT NOT, STEM FROM US HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY THERE ARE CASES WHICH MAY DEMONSTRATE A SEARCH FOR ALTERNATIVES. ONE SUCH EXAMPLE IS THE RECENT ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT APPROACH TO THE FRENCH TO PURCHASE SIX PUMA HELICOPTERS IN

ANTICIPATION THAT A REQUEST TO BUY A LIKE NUMBER OF US BELL
HELICOPTERS WILL BE REFUSED. THE HIGHEST AUTHORITIES IN THE
ARGENTINE MILITARY HAVE OFTEN SAID THAT THEY FAVOR US EQUIPMENT
AND TRAINING AND WISH TO CONTINUE TO PURCHASE FROM THE US.
THESE SAME OFFICIALS EMPHASIZE HOWEVER THAT SHOULD THE US REJECT
THEIR REQUESTS THEY WILL PURCHASE ELSEWHERE, AS THEY DEFINITELY
INTEND TO MAINTAIN A VIABLE MILITARY FORCE.
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